GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN BI-MONTHLY TELEPHONE RENTAL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether bi-monthly telephone rental for the subscribers of Panagar Telephone exchange, district Jabalpur, was increased from Rs. 150/- to 275/- with effect from May, 1999;

(b) if so, whether the rent was reduced and recovered @ Rs. 150/- in place of Rs. 275/- during the period from February to April, 2000;

(c) whether the Department had issued any order to roll back the rent increase during the above period;

(d) if not, the reasons for recovering less rental for the telephone bills for the period February-April, 2000 withoutthe approval of any competent authority; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken by the Government against the erring officials?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The rent was charged @ Rs. 150/- bi-monthly in the bills issued in February and April 2000 for the period 1.12.1999 to 31.1.2000 and 1.2.2000 to 31.3.2000 respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e): The action to reduce rental had been taken by the local telephone authority against the background of some protests by local subscribers. He has since been strictly directed to avoid such action in future.